

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 376
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION relative to the inclusion of all areas of Sumner County within the local telephone calling area for Nashville and the vicinity.

WHEREAS, the environment, economy and social and political lives of Sumner County are intrinsically and inseparably linked to the welfare and prosperity of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, the general assembly finds that, because of those shared interests, all telephone calls made between the two areas should be local, rather than long-distance; and

WHEREAS, thus, Sumner countians residing in areas such as Bethpage, Oak Grove and Westmoreland being charged long-distance rates when making telephone calls to Nashville represents a great injustice being committed against such citizens; and

WHEREAS, with the advent of technology, the concern over rates extends to cellular phones and computerized on-line services, as users are also charged long-distance rates for each connection to the Nashville area; and

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of state government is to correct gross inequities being imposed against Tennesseans when such inequities are made apparent; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this General Assembly hereby urges and encourages Bell South and the North Central Telephone Cooperative to collaborate, thereby studying and considering the feasibility of

including all of Sumner County within the local telephone calling area for Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies be prepared and sent to Bell South and the North Central Telephone Cooperative and other copies be prepared as necessary.

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